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SUBJECT: 59TH ECOSOC, ITEM 10 (UNGA 7TH SPECIAL SESSION)

REF: A) GENEVA 5933; (B) STATE 175060; (C) GENEVA 5924;  
(D) GENEVA 5932

1. SUMMARY: G-77 DRAFT RESOLUTION TO DECIDE AGENDA FOR 7TH SS, DISCUSSED IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. US STATED VIEW THAT FOOD SHOULD BE ADDED TO AGENDA LIST AND POSSIBLY POORER COUNTRIES IN SOME FORM. US ALSO NOTED PROBLEMS (A) WITH REFERENCE TO FINALIZING PREPARATIONS FOR 7TH SS BY AUGUST 22, AND (B) WITH REFERENCE TO NIEO. G-77 RESPONDED FOOD COULD BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEMS OF TRADE AND TRANSFER OF RESOURCES. END SUMMARY.

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2. INTRODUCING ITEM 10 (7TH SS) CHAIRMAN STATE FORMAL

DISCUSSION WOULD CONCLUDE BY 1 PM FRIDAY SINCE MATTERS COVERED IN GENERAL DEBATE AND IN CONTINUING INFORMAL GROUPS.

3. PREP COM CHAIRMAN BANANI (MOROCCO) INTRODUCED REPORT OF JUNE (NEW YORK) PREP COM WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS CONSTRUCTIVE, BUT HE ADMITTED LACK OF PROGRESS WHEN HE SAID HE HOPED "SEMI-HIBERNATION HAD COME TO AN END AND WOULD LEAD TO EXPLOSION OF RADIANT SPRING".

4. ECOSOC SECRETARY INTRODUCED FORMAL AGENDA FOR PREPCOM SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 18-22 (NEW YORK). NOTED IT WAS IDENTICAL TO AGENDA FOR JUNE PREP COM. MAIN ITEM IS 7TH SS AGENDA WHICH SUPERSEDED FOR TIME BEING BY EXISTENCE OF G-77 DRAFT RESOLUTION ON AGENDA (REF A).

5. REMAINDER OF DISCUSSION HELD IN INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON RESOLUTION ATTENDED BY ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS OF WHOM ARGENTINA (CHIEF SPONSOR), MEXICO, UK AND US PREDOMINATED. DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON POSSIBLE ADDITION OF FOOD TO PROPOSED AGENDA IN OPERATIVE PARA 2, AND WORDING OF OPERATIVE PARA 4(B) ON STRUCTURAL CHANGES OF UN SYSTEM.

6. US REP STATED WHILE WE STILL CONSIDERING DRAFT RESOLUTION IN WASHINGTON, WOULD DISCUSS ON INFORMAL BASIS AND PROPOSED ADD FOOD SECURITY AND LATER SOME FORMULATION ON POORER COUNTRIES TO DRAFT PARA 2 WHICH READS "DECIDES THAT THE AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD BE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION" AS CALLED FOR IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3172 (XXVIII) WHILE THE ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED WILL BE ESSENTIALLY INTERNATIONAL TRADE, INTERNATIONAL MONETARY REFORM AND TRANSFER OF REAL RESOURCES FOR FINANCING THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UN SYSTEM."

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7. VARIOUS G-77 MEMBERS STATED WHILE NOT OPPOSED TO DISCUSSION OF FOOD IN PRINCIPLE, WERE STUDYING CONTEXT IN WHICH IT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED. MEXICO SAID G-77 STUDYING CONTEXT IN WHICH FOOD SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN LIGHT OF WFC MEETING AND US PROPOSED ADDITION; MEXICAN DEL ADDED HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT WAS MEANT BY "POOREST COUNTRIES". ARGENTINA SAID FOOD SECURITY SHOULD BE SUBSUMED UNDER ITEMS OF TRADE AND

TRANSFER OF RESOURCES; OBJECTIVE WAS TO LIMIT AGENDA TO GENERAL OR "NEUTRAL" ITEMS UNDER WHICH FOOD AS WELL AS SUCH SUBJECTS AS POPULATION, ENVIRONMENT, TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, ETC., COULD BE DISCUSSED. THAILAND CALLED ATTENTION TO WORD "ESSENTIALLY" SUGGESTING THAT FOOD COULD BE ADDED BUT THAT DISCUSSION TO SUCH AN END SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN ANOTHER FORUM. IMPLICATION THAT FOOD COULD BE NEGOTIATED IN CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION OF G-77 POSITION PAPER (CRP-1, ADD.1) MADE MORE EXPLICIT BY UGANDA. LENGTHY DISCUSSION ENSUED ON MEANING OF WORD "ESSENTIALLY" AND HOW LIMITED LIST SHOULD BE.

8. NETHERLANDS SUPPORTED US PROPOSAL FOR "FOOD SECURITY" OR "FOOD PROBLEMS" AS SEPARATE ITEM.

9. GERMANY JOINED US IN EXPRESSING TENTATIVE RESERVATION ON ITEM 3 (FINAL DATE OF AUG 22 FOR PROPOSALS TO BE NEGOTIATED AT 7TH SS) AND ITEM 4 (A) (REFERENCE TO NIEO).

10. DISCUSSION OF PARA 4(B) ON STRUCTURAL CHANGES FOCUSED ON SRI LANKA PROPOSED AMENDMENT RECOMMENDING ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF WHOLE TO INITIATE ACTION. MOST MEMBERS ACCEPTED GENERAL SENSE OF AMENDMENT. UK REP STATED THAT TOTAL ABSENCE OF REFERENCE TO EXPERTS REPORT BORDERED ON BEING "RUDE".

11. SUBSEQUENTLY IN JULY 25 AM INFORMAL MTG WITH CO-SPONSORS AGREEMENTS REACHED ON REVISED TEXT. IN OPERATIVE PARA 2 LDC REPS AGREED INSERT "FOOD AND AGRICULTURE" AS AGENDA ITEM IN SEQUENCE ... SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, INDUSTRIALIZATION, FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, AND RESTRUCTURING OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF UN SYSTEM."

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12. FOR OPERATIVE PARA 3, AGREED ALSO TO CONSIDER MODIFICATION OF TEXT TO CLARIFY THAT SPECIAL SESSION WOULD CONSIDER PROPOSALS AS PRESENTED BY MINISTERS AND GOING BEYOND THOSE PREPARED BY AUGUST PREPCOM.

13. RE OPERATIVE PARA 4(A), THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT TO REALIGN TEXT TO READ: "... DECISIVE IMPACT ON FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THE UN AS WELL AS IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER". FRG NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS TEXT.

14. OPERATIVE PARA 4 (B) TO BE REVISED TO READ: "INITIATE PROCESS OF RESTRUCTURING UN SYSTEM IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL

FIELDS AND ESTABLISH AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE TO  
DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE."

15. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS THIS RES EXPECTED OVER  
WEEKEND WITH OBJECTIVE OF GETTING AGREED TEXT TO BE  
PRESENTED TO ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MONDAY PM AS CHAIRMAN'S  
PAPER.DALE

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